

CITY OF SALINA, KANSAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 20, 2007
4:00 p.m.

The City Commission convened at 2:30 p.m. in a Study Session for a Fire Department Management Study Report. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Room 107, City-County Building. A roll call was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

There were present:

Mayor Alan E. Jilka, Chairman presiding
Commissioner Luci Larson
Commissioner Aaron Peck
Commissioner R. Abner Perney
Commissioner John K. Vanier II

comprising a quorum of the Board, also present:

Jason A. Gage, City Manager
Greg Bengtson, City Attorney
Lieu Ann Elsey, City Clerk

Absent: None

CITIZEN FORUM

None.

AWARDS - PROCLAMATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR A CERTAIN TIME

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

(6.1) Approve the minutes of August 13, 2007.

Commissioner Perney noted a correction regarding Item 5.1f noting that staff would not proceed with the bidding process of South Ninth Street.

07-7705 Moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Perney, to approve the consent agenda as corrected. Aye: (5). Nay: (0). Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

None.

ADMINISTRATION

(8.1) Second reading Ordinance No. 07-10405 levying special assessments against certain lots and pieces of property to pay the cost of abatement of nuisances.

Mayor Jilka noted that Ordinance No. 07-10405 was passed on first reading on August 13, 2007 and since that time no comments have been received. Mayor Jilka also explained that the total amount to be levied had been reduced due to payments received since first reading of the ordinance.

07-7706 Moved by Commissioner Vanier, seconded by Commissioner Peck, to adopt Ordinance No. 07-10405 on second reading. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: (5) Larson, Peck, Perney, Vanier, Jilka. Nay: (0). Motion carried.

(8.2) Second reading Ordinance No. 07-10408 adding Section 23-3 to Chapter 23, Article I of the Salina City code addressing authority for sentencing and probation issues.

Mayor Jilka noted that Ordinance No. 07-10408 was passed on first reading on August 13, 2007 and since that time no comments have been received.

07-7707 Moved by Commissioner Vanier, seconded by Commissioner Peck, to adopt Ordinance No. 07-10408 on second reading. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: (5) Larson, Peck, Perney, Vanier, Jilka. Nay: (0). Motion carried.

(8.3) Second reading Ordinance No. 07-10409 adding Section 25-101 to Chapter 25, Article VI of the Salina City code making it a violation of city ordinance to fail to pay for motor fuel.

Mayor Jilka noted that Ordinance No. 07-10409 was passed on first reading on August 13, 2007 and since that time no comments have been received.

07-7708 Moved by Commissioner Vanier, seconded by Commissioner Peck, to adopt Ordinance No. 07-10409 on second reading. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: (5) Larson, Peck, Perney, Vanier, Jilka. Nay: (0). Motion carried.

(8.4) Resolution No. 07-6428 appointing members to various boards and commissions.

Mayor Jilka announced the appointments.

07-7709 Moved by Commissioner Vanier, seconded by Commissioner Peck, to adopt Resolution No. 07-6428. Aye: (5). Nay: (0). Motion carried.

(8.5) Resolution No. 07-6429 consenting to the levy of 2.877 mills in the year 2007 for use by

the Salina Airport Authority in year 2008.

Rod Franz, Director of Finance and Administration, explained the statute requirement and the request.

Commissioner Perney questioned if the levy was only assessed to properties located within the city limits. Mr. Franz clarified that it was.

07-7710 Moved by Commissioner Perney, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to adopt Resolution No. 07-6429. Aye: (5). Nay: (0). Motion carried.

(8.6) Resolution No. 07-6430 authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement for professional planning services to update the City of Salina's Comprehensive Plan with Gould Evans Associates in the amount of \$192,310.

Michael Schrage, Deputy City Manager, explained the comprehensive plan, the qualifications based selection process, agreement, and funding.

A discussion followed between Commissioner Larson, Mr. Schrage, and Mayor Jilka regarding the timeline of the project, scope of services, and commuting expenses.

Mr. Schrage and City Manager Jason Gage responded to Commissioner Vanier's question regarding the appointments to the focus groups.

Commissioner Perney questioned which phase would include the focus group meetings,. Mr. Schrage responded.

Mr. Gage commented on the use of the focus groups.

Mayor Jilka commented that this is an important undertaking for the community and appreciate staff's work.

07-7711 Moved by Commissioner Vanier, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to adopt Resolution No. 07-6430. Aye: (5). Nay: (0). Motion carried.

(8.7) Resolution No. 07-6424 authorizing an ambulance transport agreement with Salina Regional Health Center (postponed from August 13).

Fire Chief Larry Mullikin explained transport services, transport rate, and the previous rate.

A discussion followed between Commissioner Vanier, Chief Mullikin, and Marvin VanBlaricon, EMS Division Chief, regarding recovery of the cost of transporting patients.

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the EMS interlocal agreement with Saline County.

Chief Mullikin explained the cost of transport and the Medicare allowances on these types of services.

Chief VanBlaricon responded to Commissioner Larson's and Commissioner Vanier's questions regarding transport scheduling, after hours calls and cost recovery.

Greg Bengtson, City Attorney, noted that the hospital's legal counsel has approved the revised agreement.

Tom Loudis, 2379 Northwood Lane, questioned what the average number of transports made was, and the expenses incurred by the city for providing these services.

Chief Mullikin and Chief VanBlaricon noted when the city started the transport services, and the number of crews that would be used to provide the service.

Chief VanBlaricon responded to Mayor Jilka's question regarding emergency availability.

Mr. Gage noted that the call detail sheet provided to the Commission shows on average it is less than one transport per day.

Commissioner Larson questioned on whether other private services were used by the hospital.

Mr. Gage noted the average amount of transports per month.

07-7712 Moved by Commissioner Vanier, seconded by Commissioner Perney, to adopt Resolution No. 07-6424.

Mayor Jilka commented that he was sensitive to the argument that government should not be involved in endeavours where there are private entities providing that service, but the question is what happens when the private services falls through and since we have experience that he would support the motion.

Commissioner Larson stated that she is a huge proponent of private businesses and would like to see the business be supported by the community and at times she has a problem with the city being involved in the private sector.

Mayor Jilka called the question. Aye: (4). Nay: (1) Larson. Motion carried.

(8.8) Request for Executive Session (personnel).

07-7713 Moved by Commissioner Vanier, seconded by Commissioner Perney, to recess into executive session for 25 minutes in order to discuss with the City Attorney a matter subject to the attorney-client privilege for the reason that public discussion could waive the privilege and jeopardize the City's position in the matter and discuss a matter involving non-elected city personnel for the reason that public discussion of the matter would violate the privacy rights of the non-elected city personnel involved; and reconvene at 5:05 p.m. Aye: (5). Nay: (0). Motion carried.

The City Commission recessed into executive session at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 5:27

p.m. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

07-7714 Moved by Commissioner Vanier, seconded by Commissioner Peck, that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners be adjourned. Aye: (5). Nay: (0). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Alan E. Jilka, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Lieu Ann Elsey, CMC, City Clerk